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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 Q.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 20 - 34 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 - 19, 35 and 36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 August 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of Group I in the reply filed on July 14, 2004 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with:
- (a) 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they include the following reference character(s) not mentioned in the description: the reference numbers "503" in Fig. 5A and "107" in Fig. 6D are not disclosed in the specification.
 - (b) 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the "heat shield" in claim 19 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d), or amendment to the specification to add the reference character(s) in the description in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(b) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to

obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
 - (a) Page 5, line 3, delete “the metal layer 331” and insert --a patterned metal layer 331-- in its place;
 - (b) Page 5, line 5, delete “a patterned” and insert --the patterned-- in its place; and
 - (c) Page 24, line 30, delete “Fig. 17” and insert --Fig. 7-- in its place.

Appropriate correction is required.

4. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required:

The term “heat shield” in claim 19 does not have clear support or antecedent basis in the specification.

Claim Objections

5. Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities:
 - (a) Claim 3, line 1, delete “wire binds” and insert --wire bonding-- in its place; the term is not consisting with other claims.

- (b) Claim 3, line 1, the term “the die” lacks antecedent basis. Because of there is more than one die in the independent claim 1.

Appropriate correction is required.

6. Applicant is advised that should claim 11 be found allowable, claim 18 will be objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate thereof. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 1 – 5, 11, 12, 17, 18, 35 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ozawa et al. (U. S. Pat. No. 6,316,838).

Regarding claim 1, Ozawa et al. discloses in e.g., Fig. 6 a multi-package module comprising

- stacked first (21 and 33) and second packages (22 – 24),
- each said package including a die (23 and 21) attached to a substrate (24 and 33),

- wherein the first (33) and second (24) substrates are interconnected by wire bonding (32), and wherein the first package (21 and 33) comprises a flip-chip ball grid array package having a flip-chip (21) in a die-up configuration (see Fig. 6).

Regarding claim 2, Ozawa et al. discloses in e.g., Fig. 6 the second package (22 – 24) being a wire bonded land grid array package.

Regarding claim 3, Ozawa et al. discloses in e.g., Fig. 6 the die (23) and wire binds (31) in the second package being fully encapsulated with a molding material (26).

Regarding claim 4, Ozawa et al. discloses in e.g., Fig. 6 the second package (22 – 24) being peripherally encapsulated (26) to an extent sufficient to cover the wire bonds (31) between the die (23) and the substrate (24).

Regarding claim 5, since Ozawa et al. discloses in e.g., Fig. 6 the second package substrate (24) including a single metal layer (37), the element 37 on the second package substrate (24) reads as a single-metal layer substrate.

Regarding claims 11 and 18, Ozawa et al. discloses in e.g., Fig. 6 the second package (22 - 24) being a stacked die package.

Regarding claim 12, Ozawa et al. discloses in e.g., Fig. 6 adjacent stacked die (22 and 23) in the stacked die package (22 – 24) being separated by spacers (38).

Regarding claim 17, Ozawa et al. discloses in e.g., Fig. 6 at least one of the first and the second package being a stacked-die package.

Regarding claims 35 and 36, these claims merely recite the intended use or the environment in which the multi-package module of claim 1 is intended to be used. Since the claims fail to define any additional structure, Ozawa et al. anticipates these claims as well.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claims 6 – 10, 13 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ozawa et al. in view of Kakimoto et al. (U. S. Pat. No. 6,333,552).

Regarding claims 6, 8, 10 and 13, while Ozawa et al. discloses in Fig. 6 the second package being stacked over the first package (claim 13) and the use of a chip in a flip chip package, Ozawa et al. does not appear to provide a specific type of the die to be an RF die (claim 8) and an electrical shield (claims 6, 10 and 13) in the first package. Kakimoto et al. teaches in e.g., Fig. 3 and column 1, line 56 – column 2, line 34 an electrical shield (57) and an RF die (30) in a flip chip package (the package in Fig. 7). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the present invention was made to apply the RF die as the specific type of the chip and the electrical shield in the structure of Ozawa et al. as taught by Kakimoto et al. to shield electromagnetic waves (column 1, lines 64 – 65).

Regarding claim 7, Ozawa et al. and Kakimoto et al. disclose the electrical shield (57) being a metal cap (column 1, lines 64 and 65). Inherently, every metal cap (57) dissipates heat from a chip. Thus, Ozawa et al. and Kakimoto et al. disclose the electrical shield (57) being configured to serve as a heat spreader.

Regarding claim 9, since Ozawa et al. and Kakimoto et al. disclose the electrical shield and the RF chip, Ozawa et al. and Kakimoto et al. disclose the following limitation “the flip chip package includes an RF die, and the shield serves to limit electromagnetic interference between the RF die and other die in the multi-package module.”

Regarding claim 19, since Ozawa et al. and Kakimoto et al. disclose a metal cap (57; column 1, lines 64 and 65). Inherently, every metal cap has a function of shielding any external heats from a chip. Thus, Ozawa et al. and Kakimoto et al. disclose a heat shield.

11. Claims 14 - 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ozawa et al. in view of Lin (U. S. Pat. No. 5,436,203).

Regarding claim 14, while Ozawa et al. discloses in Fig. 6 the use of the first package substrate, Ozawa et al. does not appear to provide an embedded ground plane in the first package substrate. Lin teaches in e.g., Fig. 1 and column 6, lines 18 – 20 an embedded ground plane (22) in a package substrate (12). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the present invention was made to apply the embedded ground plane in the first package substrate of Ozawa et al. as taught by Lin to establish a shield surrounding semiconductor die which protects against either external or internal EMI (column 6, lines 18 – 22).

Regarding claim 15, since Ozawa et al. and Lin disclose the ground plane (22) being configured to serve for heat dissipation (column 6, lines 61 – 63 of Lin).

Regarding claim 16, since Ozawa et al. and Lin disclose the ground plane (22) being configured to serve as an electrical shield (column 6, lines 18 – 22 of Lin).

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- (a) Shim et al. and Heim et al. disclose a heat sink and metal cap having a function of a heat shield.
- (b) Terui and Ohuchi et al. disclose a multi-package module.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chris C. Chu whose telephone number is 571-272-1724. The examiner can normally be reached on 11:30 - 8:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached on 517-272-1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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